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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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SUMMARY: DURING MARCH 7 ECONAD DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS IN CSCE BASKET II NEGOTIATIONS, QUESTION RAISED OF CONSULTATIONS IN NATO FOLLOWING EASTERBREAK. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FOR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 21. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MARCH 7 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, GERMAN ECONAD SUMMARIZED REPORT FROM FRG CSCE DEL ON STATUS OF BASKET II NEGOTIATIONS (REF B). GIST OF REPORT WAS THAT EDITING HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF DIFFERING OPINIONS ON THE FORM AND NUMBER OF FINAL DOCUMENTS, WITH THE WEST PREFERRING INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WILLING TO ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESOLUTION FOR ENTIRE BASKET II.

2. USECONAD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD NATO CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA HAD IMPROVED WITH WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALLIED DELS. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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US WOULD LIKE TO EXPEDITE DRAFTING IN SUB-COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO HAVE POSITIONS ON PAPER BEFORE EASTER RECESS, IF POSSIBLE, AND AVOID PRESSURE ON WEST TOWARD END OF CONFERENCE. UK ECONAD SAID THAT WHILE HE AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING DRAFTING DELAYS,

CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN SETTING DATES FOR CONCLUSION OF CSCE STAGE II, PENDING OUTCOME OF DRAFTING WORK NOW UNDERWAY.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAISED QUESTION WHETHER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS BY ALLIED DELS WOULD BE DESIRABLE DURING EASTER RECESS. ALTERNATIVELY, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH SEND REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA. BELGIAN ECONAD OPPOSED IDEA OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE REP GOING TO GENEVA BUT FAVORED CSCE REPS MEETING AT NATO DURING EASTER BREAK TO GO OVER TEXTS NOW BEING WORKED OUT IN GENEVA. ITALIAN ECONAD SUPPORTED CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS; AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE IN NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATED MEETING, INCLUDING CHIEFS OF CSCE DELS, SIMILAR TO THAT HELD IN NATO JANUARY 10-11. US AND FRENCH ECONADS SAID THAT WHILE THEY WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS THEY DOUBTED MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON BASKET II DURING RECESS WOULD BE NECESSARY, IN VIEW OF IMPROVE NATO CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA.

4. CHAIRMAN SAID COMMITTEE WOULD RETURN TO QUESTION AT MARCH 21 MEETING AND ASKED ECONADS IN MEANTIME TO SOUND OUT CAPITALS AND DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA. MCAULIFFE

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